

Remarks

Applicants have been advised that the English-language translation of PCT/JP03/02669 filed with the instant application on September 10, 2004, incorrectly set forth claims 7-12 as part of the original PCT application. In fact, the original PCT application included only claims 1-6. Claims 7-12 were intended to be added to the instant application by Preliminary Amendment. Applicants hereby submit the attached executed Supplemental Verification Statement to clarify the record and to confirm that the error was unintentional.

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-12 be cancelled and that new claims 13-24 be added. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added. The claims have merely been re-numbered to accurately reflect the claims submitted for examination.

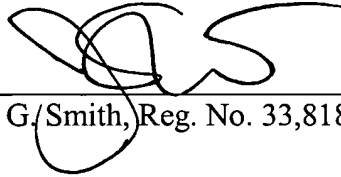
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that no fees are due at this time. However, **except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a

CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §
1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

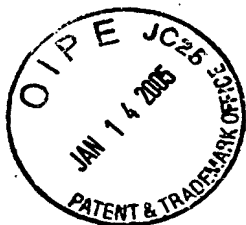
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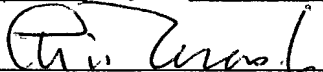


SUPPLEMENTAL VERIFICATION

The undersigned, of the below address, hereby certifies that he/she well knows both the English and Japanese languages; that the English translation filed with the application on September 10, 2004, is an accurate English translation of the PCT application filed on March 6, 2003 under No. PCT/JP03/02669, except that additional claims 7-12 set forth in the translation did not form a part of the original PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/02669; and that as a result, the Verification of Translation filed on September 10, 2004, was partially incorrect in stating that "the attached is an accurate English translation of the PCT application filed on March 6, 2003 under No. PCT/JP03/02669." The undersigned declares that this mistake was made unintentionally and without deceptive intent, and is filing this Supplemental Verification to advise the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of this point and to clarify the record.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his/her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed this 29th day of November, 2004.

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